

Private interests, initiatives and actions cease to be "private" when they affect the interests, initiatives and actions of the broader community, the public. This is a basic principle of both human and economic relations. This should be also the criteria of evaluation of cross media ownership and its effects: an overwhelming concentration of media ownership that would severely endanger civil liberties - civil liberties which are the basis of our freedom to choose as individuals. As such the regulation of cross-ownership does not lessen or threatens individual freedom and entrepreneurial initiative, but actually protects it. In so doing it also fosters a healthier economy. This is what it's at stake and what I ask the FCC to consider.